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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: ONA CHARTER PROBLEM

1. ONA INFORMS DEPARTMENT ITS AUTHORITY TO OPERATE INTO ITALY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED THREE MONTHS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 BECAUSE OF ITS FAILURE TO OBTAIN PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM ITALIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING JUNE OTC FLIGHT. ACCORDING TO ONA, IT PICKED UP FLIGHT ORIGINALLY CONTRACTED BY CAPITAL AIRLINE. ALTHOUGH ONA DID NOT RECEIVE WORD FROM ITALIAN AUTHORITIES BEFORE DAY OF FLIGHT, IT UNDERTOOK FLIGHT CONSIDERING THAT CAPITAL HAD PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR TRAFFIC RIGHTS AND THAT THIS WAS A NORMAL SUBSTITUTION OF AIRCRAFT REQUEST. ONA NOTED IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR AN AIRLINE TO RECEIVE APPROVAL FOR SUBSTITUTION OF AIRCRAFT AFTER FLIGHT HAS DEPARTED.

2. ONA BELIEVES PENALTY WAS UNJUSTLY SEVERE AND INCONSISTENT WITH ITALIAN REGULATION AND, IN ADDITION, SHOULD NOT

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APPLY TO MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) TRANSPORTATION,

SPECIFICALLY A AUGUST 14 CHARTER FLIGHT IT HAS UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE MAC.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING THIS PROBLEM AND TO SEEK RELIEF FOR ONA, ESPECIALLY REGARDING MAC FLIGHT. ROBINSON

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